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Amendments to the Claims:

1. (Currently Amended): An electric wire including a conductive core and a coating which is made of synthetic resin and coats the core, comprising:

a first marking formed by coloring a portion of an outer surface of said coating with a first color which is different from that of said outer surface;

and a second marking formed by coloring another portion of the outer surface of said coating with a second color which is different from both [[the]] of said outer surface and said first color, wherein

said first marking and said second marking are arranged in a longitudinal direction of said coating.

said first marking and said second marking are apart from each other,

and coloring agents are jetted by each drop in a liquid drop state toward the outer surface of the coating and adheres to the outer surface to form the first and second markings.

2. (Canceled)

3. (Currently Amended) An electric wire according to claim 1 ~~or 2~~, wherein the outer surface of said coating is white.

4. (Currently Amended) A wire harness having a first electric wire connected to a connector at its end, and a second electric wire connected to another connector at its end and accommodated in an exterior component in the middle in the longitudinal direction thereof, wherein said first electric wire and said second electric wire each ~~including~~ include a conductive core, a coating which is made of synthetic resin and coats the core, a first marking formed by coloring a portion of an outer surface of said coating with a first color which is different from that of said outer surface; and a second marking formed by coloring another portion of the outer surface of said coating with a second color which is different from both the of said outer surface and said first color, wherein

said first marking and said second marking are spaced from each other and arranged in a longitudinal direction of said coating,

the length of each of said first marking and said second marking of said second electric wire in the longitudinal direction is shorter than that of each of those of said first electric wire in the longitudinal direction, and

the interval between said first marking and said second marking of said second electric wire is shorter than that of said first electric wire, and the first marking and second marking of said second electric wire are exposed from said exterior component at the end of said second electric wire.